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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1910.

The meeting for lyric writers for Tech Show, 1911, yesterday, brought out about twenty contestants. This was an average delegation in size, but we believe there must be more men of talent at the Institute who should be entered in the competition. The show songs are almost always clever and catchy and really remarkable for amateur talent, but the contributors are numerously few in number each year. 'The man who has never before written a show lyric is sometimes hesitant about sending in a first attempt that might prove the master hit of the Show. The Christmas recess gives us the bit of time necessary to think up a few verses on some of the subjects suggested or on other subjects suitable for topical songs. The more there are who write the greater the field of choice and the more successful "Pressed French" will be. Write down that catchy line before you forget it—and hand it in.

ART OF BUILDING AND KEEPING ROADS

To Be Discussed Before Civil Engineers at Meeting Today.

The meeting of the Civil Engineering Society which was to have taken place yesterday will be held this afternoon in Room 4, Lowell Building, at 4:15 o'clock. As has been announced, the speaker on this occasion will be Mr. P. E. Prentice of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, and the subject to be discussed will be "The Principal Methods of Road Construction and Road Maintenance."

There is also quite a little business to be transacted, and notice will be given about the new pins which are now being made for members of the society.

NEW JAPANESE TREASON CONSIDERED

Senator Knox Hopes It Will Be Entirely Satisfactory.

Negotiations are well under way for a new treaty between Japan and the United States, to replace the treaty of commerce and navigation which is due to expire next year. Some of the questions involved are of more than ordinary delicacy, especially the problem of "Japanese exclusion."

Senator Knox is sparing no pains in his efforts to perfect a compromise which shall not only leave no point uncovered, but which shall prove satisfactory to all concerned. To that end he is availing himself of the expert opinion and assistance of the Department.

Of course, the problem which presents the gravest difficulty is that concerning the admission of Japanese laborers. The existing treaty, while sparing to each of the contracting parties absolute freedom to trade in the territory of the other, unrestricted admission of each to the ports of the other, etc., specially provides that nothing which it contains shall be construed in any way to "affect the laws, ordinances and regulations with regard to trade, the immigration of the laborers, police and public security which are in force or which may hereafter be enacted in either of the two countries." This provision has always been held by the diplomatic authorities of this country to contain an abundant warrant for the specific exclusion of Japanese laborers.

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COOLIDGE HALL ON FEBRUARY 11.

The Christmas recital, which was to have taken place in Coolidge Hall on February 11, 1911, brought out several contestants. Everyone was urged to do his best to make this occasion a big success, and a great deal of enthusiasm was shown in the assent of the members to do so.

Invitations to the dance will be sent out next week, and the club wishes to announce to the students that the affair will be in every respect a success. All men connected with the Institute were cordially invited to it, and they can secure formal invitations by leaving their names and addresses at the Cage, or by notifying any member of the committee of their intention to be present. The following men are on the committee: President T. S. Killian, 1911; A. H. Hebbard, 1911; W. F. O'Brien, 1912; W. V. Barnier, 1912; L. F. Walsh, 1912; C. G. Patton, 1911; R. J. Murphy, 1913, and C. A. Lindehan, 1912.

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